

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Richard Carroll Elementary School
February 19, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Members present: Board Chair Chris Wallace, Vice Chair Janeth Walker, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee John L. Hiers, and Trustee Julia “Kim” Berry.

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Chris Wallace called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence – keeping in mind the school in Florida and the country.
2. **Notice to Media:** In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section, Section 30-4-80(E), the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting:

The Times and Democrat
The Advertiser-Herald
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Kim Berry moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2018, with the correction of a typo on page 2 of Agenda Item #9 under (b) of the 3rd bullet. The filing date for the SEI report should be March 30, 2018, instead of February 16, 2018. The motion passed 5-0.
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise Miller, and Dennis Ulmer**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals):
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School –Principal Denny Ulmer
6. **Athletic Updates**
Following a discussion on the purchasing of rings for state championship winners, the Board agreed verbally with Superintendent Schwarting in giving a minimum/basic amount of \$25 across the board toward the purchasing of rings for teams who win state championships since the District does not have a policy to support this cause.
7. **Student/Staff Recognitions and Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
 - a) **Overnight Field Trip Request:**
The Board agreed verbally to approve the overnight field trip request from Kim Compton, FCA teacher, to take approximately 15 high school students on a school retreat to Garden City Beach, South Carolina, on March 23-25, 2018, providing there is a female District employee accompanying the students.

b) Online Professional Application

The District Office is in the process of developing an online employment application on the District's website. [Board Packet Enclosure]

c) Claflin University Summer Arts Intensives

Claflin University has invited the students of the District to participate in their 2018 summer art classes. Five scholarships are offered to rising 6th through 10th grade students – one scholarship per grade level. Students who do not receive a scholarship may attend by paying a fee. The camps and fees are as follows: Residential Camp on June 10-16, – Ages 11-14. Fee: \$300; and a Kids Day Camp June 18-29, for rising 5th grade students – Ages 6-10. Fee: \$250. Students must meet certain requirements in order to be accepted. The teachers are helping to find students to take advantage of this program. [Board Packet Enclosure]

d) Richard Carroll Elementary School Lighting

From a suggestion of Vice Chair Janeth Walker, Superintendent Schwarting agreed to check into tapping into the lighting at the entrance of the Richard Carroll Elementary School sign and add some more lighting onto the name of the school.

e) Graduation Location

After listening to the pros and cons of an outdoor graduation, the Board agreed to allow two of the adults in charge of graduation and three students from among the officers of the senior class to come and give a five-minute presentation at the next board meeting.

f) Revised Proof of Residency Requirements

Due to the rising number of students attending school in the district that are not paying the out-of-district tuition fee nor do they reside here, parents will be required to come in and show proof of their residency, and sign a "General Consent Form" for enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. The McKinney-Vento Identification Form will be used for the protections of students who are experiencing homelessness. Parents or guardians will be notified of the dates and times of registration no later than May 15, 2018.

- Board members are encouraged to attend 2DAC (Two Days at the Capitol) on Thursday, March 8, 2018, or April 12, 2018, in order to have a voice and be visible before local state lawmakers. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The District is planning to implement an Ag program for the 2018-2019 school year with funding coming from a vacant position. Approximately 130 eighth through eleventh grade students have showed an interest in taking the course.
- The District is in the process of expanding the CATE program. Ms. Blanche Johnson, classroom teacher, will be attending a program at Clemson this summer to gain more technical business information.
- The Family and Consumer Science course can become a completers program if Mrs. Hunt didn't have to teach health. The administration is looking at options for teaching Health Education.
- The state required coordinated School Health Advisory Committee will be coordinated by Karen Jackson and Phyllis Overstreet. A meeting has been scheduled for March 8, 2018, at 3:15 in the District Office. Vice Chair Janeth Walker volunteered to meet with them.

- The District has a number of teaching vacancies for the 2018-2019 school year. These positions are currently being advertised on the District's website and Facebook. [Board Packet Enclosure]

8. **Draft: 2018-2019 School Calendar**

The Board reviewed the proposed 2018-2019 school calendar for information only. It will be voted on at a later meeting. Superintendent Schwarting noted that state lawmakers are discussing the opening of school to take place the second or third Monday in August or to allow districts to make their own decisions. The administration would like for school to open August 6th in order to end the semester before the winter holidays (Christmas). [Board Packet Enclosure]

9. **Bond Resolution**

Following a review of a request from the administration to sign a Bond Resolution which allows the millage rate to remain at a level rate and not to fluctuate, Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to proceed with a General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$525,000 for maintenance. The motion passed 5-0.

10. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented a Financial Report for January 2018, with no questions/comments from the Board.

11. **Visitors' Comments**

No visitors signed to give comments; therefore, no comments were given.

12. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Chris Wallace called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Principals' Teacher Recommendations for 2018-2019
- b. Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2018-2019
- c. Superintendent's Administrators Recommendations for 2018-2019
- d. Personnel Recommendation(s) for Resignation / Employment
- e. Student Transfer Request(s)
- f. Personnel Matter
- g. Legal Advice

Open session: Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 5-0.

13. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to accept the Principals' Teacher Recommendations from Principals 1, 2, and 3 for the 2018-2019 school year; the Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2018-2019 as stated; the Superintendent's Administrators Recommendations as stated for the 2018-2019 school year; the Personnel Recommendations for Resignation/**

Employment for persons 1, 2, 3, and 4 effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year; the Student Transfer Requests for persons 1, and 2 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year; and noted that there were no actions on Personnel Matter and no actions on Legal Advice. The motion passed 5-0.

14. **Adjourn**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary